

THE St. Louis *Post-Dispatch* says, "Arbitration is good; conciliation is better." Certainly! Let the lamb lie down and conciliate the wolf by converting itself into a square meal. The wolf is considerate; the lamb ought not to be so snick.

Boys, you've got your "jobs" and your "full dinner-pails." Why make a row about so small a thing as the right to quit work if you want to? The negro slaves before the war all had jobs and full dinner-pails, but they didn't know when they were well off. Profit you by their experience.

THE Democrats of the State Legislature had better get together and stay together, else the record they leave may handicap the party for years to come. The people are patient and of long suffering, but there is a limit to their endurance. All petty and factional jealousies ought to be set aside for the common good, and an earnest endeavor made to serve the State.

It is not a matter of much consequence, perhaps; yet we suggest to the Poplar Bluff *Journal* that it is no more than fair to give credit where credit is due. Those lines the *Journal* printed, beginning, "A man there was," ought in justice have been credited to the REGISTER. They were merely an adaptation. It is true, but if worthy of reproduction the courtesy of a proper accrediting attaches to them.

THE *Lead Belt News* expresses the sentiment of all Southeast Missouri—and particularly of the world's greatest lead belt—when it joins the *Progress* in suggesting the appointment of Hon. F. P. Graves, of Doe Run, as superintendent of the mineral display of Missouri at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. Such an appointment would meet with universal favor because of his fitness and capacity.—*Farmington Progress*.

THE Good Roads question pertains to no special locality, but prevails to the furthest bounds of the State and beyond. Just when it will beget intelligence and system in road-building is problematic: we have had so much experience and learned so little that no man can tell when the old, slipshod methods will give way to better efforts. I presume the only thing to do is to keep on trying, and eventually we must get both feet out of the mire.

THE extinction of Missouri's bonded debt—the wiping out of a most remarkable reminder of Republican misrule—is celebrated to-day with fitting ceremonies at the State Capital. Unlike their Republican neighbors, Democrats deny that "a public debt is a public blessing," and they are much better pleased with the heavier figures on the credit side of the ledger. Beside, the National Debt is here to stay, and if there be merit and up-to-date-ness in paying interest to coupon-clippers, behold the opportunities are great and enduring.

I HAVE just this to say anent Judge Adams' injunction: No man who voted the Republican ticket in 1896-1900 has a right to "kick." Do you remember, boys, how you called us anarchists because of that plank in the National Democratic Platform denouncing government by injunction? You were long and loud in your denunciations of all of us who could see an inch or two further beyond our noses than you did. You wanted "a job" and "a full dinner-pail" and laughed to scorn the fools who stopped to consider the question of liberty and the rights of the citizen. You voted against the "anarchists" and for government by injunction, and ought to be happy—but you ain't, you bet! And I laugh, laugh, laugh!

I INSIST that the law requiring baking powder containing alum or other injurious ingredients to be sold as such is a good law. All this talk about its creating a trust is rot. Any company that wants to can enter into competition with the factories making and selling wholesome baking powders. I have seen the statement that the pure baking powder people sell a package of their product in this State for fifty cents that retails for only ten cents in other States. Under such condition how long would it be before other companies would step in and compete? Any man can procure the ingredients and manufacture good baking powder, and so far as the inferior article enters into competition with the good, what is there in the law to prevent it? If people want to use an alum baking powder because of its cheapness, it is their privilege to do so, and, for the life of me, I can't see how it can cut more ice with the trust's exactions unlabeled than labeled.

WHILE I do not agree with one or two Southeast newspapers in their indiscriminate assaults upon Sam B. Cook, Secretary of State, I still hold

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to my opinion that the Jackson *Cash-Book* was entitled, by reason of its services to the party, to such favors as the Democratic authorities had the power to bestow. The editor of that paper says he was "turned down" because of his opposition to the appointment of D. B. Seibert as bank examiner; and that he opposed Mr. S. solely because of the latter's unfriendliness to the Pertle Springs convention and the National Democratic platform of 1896-1900 resultant therefrom. If the *Cash-Book's* premises are correct, it has a kick coming, and Mr. Cook's action was not warranted by justice or good party policy. The setting aside of an old, faithful and tried servant for a new is always of doubtful expediency. This much I feel constrained to say without prejudice to Mr. Cook's fair intention, for he may have had other and personal reasons for his passing by the recognized Democratic organ of Cape county—not that he loved Mac the less, but Tres the more.

A VERY smart editorial was that in reference to Mr. Bryan in Monday's *Post-Dispatch*. The writer is so witty, so humorous, so sarcastic. 'Tis wonderful that a head with so great a trio in uno can be supported upon one pair of legs. By all the laws of gravitation it should topple to earth from sheer overweight. That it does not do so is but another evidence of the "shamelessness" of St. Louis, where all nature is outraged and vilest reigns supreme. The Big Head scorches with the lightning of its intellectual eye the ill-fated Nebraskan because he, joined to his idols, seeks to keep together the six and one-half million voters who believe in the principles of Jefferson and of the fathers who proclaimed to the world the equality of men and their right to liberty and the pursuit of happiness. The Big Head is right: only Sound Money saints and patriots, who believe in the Holy Injunction, have warrant for organization. 'Tis outrageous that the baser elements should band together. If the Big Head will pardon me, I suggest that he get a Federal Judge to enjoin Mr. Bryan and his rabble following.

**Roselle Items.**  
We are still having an awful time with the mud and the roads are in a dreadful condition at present. It is snowing here and prospects are for winter to continue longer.  
Owing to the high waters there were no services at Granite View church last Sunday.  
Farmers are very much discouraged as most all of them are so far behind with their work. They will be greatly delayed in getting in their crops.  
Miss Daisy Hart is visiting relatives at the Cove this week.  
C. C. Braswell is again reported on the sick list. A great many are complaining with colds and laryngitis.  
M. L. Henry and family visited relatives on Brewer's Creek Sunday.  
Mr. Meadows has moved on his farm in Roselle, which he recently purchased from Jeff Conway.  
Mrs. T. L. Braswell gave a rail making (or working) last Thursday, and as it commenced raining at noon all the hands had to abandon their work. You should try and come again, boys.  
Geo. Johnson has returned home from Farmington, Mo.  
Everybody is very busy at present and so is  
SUNFLOWER.

Muddy, muddier, muddiest! Those reported on the sick list are George Hart and Addie Inman.  
Mr. M. L. Henry and family visited Mr. George Hart of north Roselle Sunday.  
Miss Clemma Downs has been appointed postmaster at this place.  
George Johnson filled his regular appointment at Mr. John Lewis' Sunday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Thurman have

gone to Wisconsin to spend the rest of the winter.  
Miss Daisy Hart, of North Roselle, is visiting her uncle, Mr. James Stumbaugh, of Russellville.  
Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Johnson were the guest of Mrs. S. B. Cook Sunday.  
If the mud doesn't dry up somebody is going to get stuck up, and it might be  
MA'S PET.

FOR RENT—The Fort Hill Parsonage. Apply to Rev. W. A. Humphreys at J. W. Speck's residence, or of J. M. Whitworth.

Suffer little children to come on a clear day, but in cloudy weather keep them away.  
PERKINS.

Ten pounds best Coffee for \$1 at Collins & Smith Grocery Co's store—Friday only.

Northern White Seed Oats forty-five cents per bushel at Ironton Manufacturing Co.'s mill.

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Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*  
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**OFFICIAL STATEMENT**  
—OF THE—  
**FINANCIAL CONDITION**  
—OF THE—

**Iron County Bank**

AT IRONTON,  
STATE OF MISSOURI,  
At the Close of Business on the 28th Day of February, 1903.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts undoubtedly good on personal or collateral security	\$63320 00
Loans and discounts undoubtedly good on real estate security	8800 00
Overdrafts by solvent customers	37 41
United States bonds on hand	x xx
Other bonds and stock at their present cash market price	x xx
Real estate (banking house) at present cash market value	x xx
Real estate other than banking house at its present cash market value	x xx
Furniture and fixtures	500 xx
Due from other banks, good on sight draft	49726 52
Checks and other cash items	670 75
National bank notes, legal tender	
United States notes and gold and silver certificates	2352 00
Gold coin	727 50
Silver coin, nickels and pennies	536 87
All other resources	x xx
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$126571 05</b>
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$10000 00
Surplus fund	5200 00
Undivided profits less current expenses and taxes paid	1230 67
Deposits subject to draft at sight by banks and bankers	x xx
Deposits subject to draft at sight by individuals and others	99475 10
Demand certificates of deposit outstanding	x xx
Time certificates of deposit outstanding	10627 87
Bills payable and bills re-discounted	x xx
Dividends unpaid	x xx
Liabilities other than those above stated	37 41
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$126571 05</b>

STATE OF MISSOURI, } ss.  
COUNTY OF IRON.  
We, Wm. R. Edgar, President, and Mann Ringo, Cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.  
WM. R. EDGAR, President.  
MANN RINGO, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 9th day of March, A. D. nineteen hundred and three.  
WITNESS my hand and official seal the date last aforesaid.  
W. T. O'NEAL,  
Clerk County Court Iron County, Mo.  
[SEAL]  
Correct—Attest:  
J. M. WHITWORTH,  
WM. H. WHITWORTH,  
LOUIS MILLER,  
Directors.

**ASSIGNEES NOTICE.**  
Notice is hereby given to the creditors of Stuart Brothers that on Monday the 27th day of April, 1903, at the opening of court, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, I shall apply to the Hon. F. R. Dearring, Judge of the Circuit Court of Iron county, Mo., for a discharge from my trust as assignee of Stuart Brothers.  
JAMES H. CLARK,  
Assignee.



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